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In re Application of
Robert Mitchell Crowl et al et al
Serial No.: 09/522,699
Filed: March 10, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: 41336P1

: PETITION DECISION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed March 1, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on failure to receive an Office action.

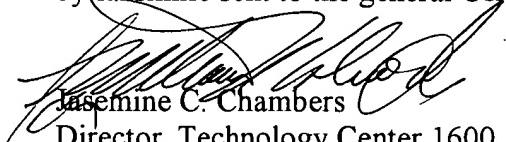
A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due and a Notice of Allowability to applicants on September 4, 2003, setting a three month statutory period for payment of the Issue Fee and filing of corrected drawings. Upon failure to receive the Issue Fee, the Office mailed a Notice of Abandonment to applicants on January 12, 2004. Applicants state that the Notices were not received and provide statements and copies of docket records establishing that the Notices were not received. In view of the evidence presented the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

It is noted that applicants have obtained a copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal Form and have paid the Issue Fee. However the Notice of Allowability also required submission of new drawings. In view thereof both Notices are being remailed to applicants.

There is also no fee for this petition and the petition fee paid of \$130.00 will be credited to applicants' Deposit Account No. 19-0134, as directed.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 703-308-3824 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number.


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